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Mr. TRAFICANT. Imagine this, Mr. Speaker. The IRS kicks down your door without a warrant and takes everything. Then the IRS, without a warrant, raids your partner's home. They arrest him at gunpoint in front of his small children and take everything. Then the IRS goes to your business, they question your customers, they threaten your employees, they take everything that is not nailed down.

Sound incredible? Not for the IRS. It was later ruled that the IRS was guilty, guilty, guilty. Guilty of assault, guilty of illegal search and seizure and guilty of false imprisonment.

Beam me up, Congress. When the IRS starts acting like Nazis, that is right, listen to the word, Nazis, Congress must step in and Congress must solve this dilemma for the American people.

I am asking you to cosponsor H.R. 3277, my bill that will stop illegal searches and illegal seizures.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONROE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of serving on the board of trustees for the Monroe Regional Medical Center in my hometown of Ocala, Florida. It is an honor for me this morning to take the floor to recognize the 100th anniversary of this wonderful hospital.

In 1898, the Marion Surgical Hospital was organized into two rooms on the third floor of an office building in Ocala, Florida. Since then, the hospital has been in different locations under different names but its mission has remained constant, serving the medical needs of those within the community.

We are proud that our hospital provides care for patients without regard to race, religion, national origin or financial status. The Monroe Regional Medical Center has changed dramatically from its modest beginnings. It is now a modern 323-bed, acute-care facility. This is a not-for-profit hospital. It is owned and supported by our community.

I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to the fourth oldest hospital in the State of Florida for 100 years of service. Congratulations.

#### CONGRESS MUST ENSURE THAT MANAGED CARE IS QUALITY CARE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, health care is in transition. Private and public purchasers of health care are turning to managed care. Today, more than 160 million Americans are in managed care plans.

The shift to managed care has implications for health care quality. Managed care must be more than managed cost.

On the cover of today's Washington Post is a story about a woman who fell from a cliff while hiking. She had fractures to her skull, arm and pelvis. Her HMO refused to pay her hospital bills, saying she had failed to obtain preauthorization. Only after several court battles did the HMO pay anything for this woman's care.

This is unacceptable. Individuals must have access to and payment for emergency care in any situation that a prudent layperson would regard as an emergency. Every American deserves quality care. Managed care reforms are necessary to ensure that managed care is quality care.

#### AMERICANS DEMAND COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF IRS AND REFORM OF TAX CODE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Associated Press released its results on the latest survey conducted on how much Americans trust their government. Well, not surprisingly, it found that out of every 10 Americans only three or four believe their government will do the right thing most or all the time. Mr. Speaker, more than 60 percent of Americans do not trust their government.

This survey also asked people what they felt about various government agencies in Washington that increasingly intrude into their daily lives. Well, not surprisingly, the numbers showed that the IRS has dropped significantly. Of all the government agencies, the IRS has the lowest approval rating of all. Truly shocking? Not really.

Now, even though there is a strong message here, I have absolute total confidence that my liberal colleagues and defenders of big government will ignore it. However, the message is clear: The people demand a complete overhaul of the IRS and real reform of our Tax Code and now is the time to act.

#### REPUBLICAN INACTION ON TOBACCO

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this year Congress has been the do-nothing Congress. The Republican leadership sits idle while each day 3,000 children get hooked on tobacco products. Of those, 1,000 who start today will die early because of tobacco-related diseases. This is an epidemic that deserves congressional action now.

While the Republican leadership continues to cash in on big tobacco cam-

paign contributions, Democrats today will roll out legislation that stops tobacco companies dead in their tracks from peddling their poison to children.

So far in this Congress we have managed to rename airports, post offices and public buildings. Congress needs to step up to the plate and pass tobacco legislation for America's children. The evidence is clear: Big tobacco has pushed their product onto children.

Democrats are fighting to prevent tobacco companies from this nasty habit. The Republican leadership would rather protect their special interest friends than protect the Nation's children from joining the tobacco ranks. The American people will not stand for this inaction.

#### CONGRESS MUST TAKE ACTION NOW TO STOP IRS ABUSE

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I learned as a child from reading the Bible that tax collectors have never been popular, and that, I suspect, will never change. But I do not think that that can explain the growing hostility of more and more taxpayers towards the IRS.

Now, I know that our liberal friends will dismiss that out of hand, saying how easy it is to bash the IRS. But they demonstrate in doing this that once again they simply do not care how good decent American taxpayers are treated by the IRS. We were elected to care and to do something about this runaway agency.

The fact is people are unhappy with the IRS for a very good reason. There is clearly an abuse of power. I am talking about honest, average Americans facing an audit, who make an honest mistake and then are treated as criminals by the IRS, while the courts turn their back on the fact that these people deserve due process. Mr. Speaker, we must, in the Congress, do something about this abuse.

#### LOIS CAPPS WINS 22ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION IN CALIFORNIA

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my soon-to-be colleague, Lois Capps. Lois won an impressive victory in yesterday's special election in California's 22nd Congressional District. She won the election 53 percent to 45 percent with a margin of more than 12,000 votes.

The message from this special election is clear: The Democratic agenda, providing education opportunities, putting 100,000 new teachers in our classrooms, providing affordable and safe child care, access to health care and